

Application No. 09/252,551

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Applicant : Henry Samueli, et al.  
Application No. : 09/252,551  
Filed : February 18, 1999  
Title : ETHERNET SYSTEM  
  
Grp./Div. : 2663  
Examiner : Lec, C  
  
Docket No. : 34176/RJP/B600

**COMBINED**

**PETITION TO REVIVE UNDER 37 CFR §1.137(b),**  
**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER**  
**37 CFR §1.181(a),**  
**PETITION FOR REFUND OF FEE UNDER 37 CFR §1.26, and**  
**PETITION TO SUSPEND RULES UNDER 37 CFR §1.183**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants became aware that the USPTO determined that the above-identified application became abandoned on June 3, 2002 for failure to pay the issue fee within three months after a second Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due was erroneously mailed February 6, 2002.

Applicants draw attention to the fact that the issue fee for the above-identified application was timely paid by July 25, 2001 in response to a first Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed July 6, 2001. As the issue fee was timely paid and the second

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Notice of Issue Fee Due was sent in error by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants believe that they had already fulfilled their obligation regarding the issue fee, and therefore, the entire period of delay was at most unintentional. Accordingly, Applicants hereby petition for revival of the above-identified application as unintentionally abandoned under 37 CFR §1.137(b).

Since the USPTO's holding of Abandonment, Applicants have diligently attempted to resolve the instant circumstances by continuously tracking the status and location of the application file, determining why the USPTO held the application as abandoned, expediting the application when possible and preventing further unnecessary delay. In pursuit of the above-mentioned activities, Applicants' representatives have been in contact with various representatives and departments within the USPTO including the Examiner, the Examiner's supervisor, the USPTO Department of Customer Service, the USPTO Department of Publications and the USPTO Department of Legal Administration/Petitions.

Additionally, Applicants also petition for Withdrawal of Holding of Abandonment under 37 CFR §1.181(a) as Applicants assert that the holding of abandonment for the above-identified application is the result of USPTO error as: (1) the issue fee was timely paid, (2) the second Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due was erroneously sent by the USPTO and (3) the USPTO failed to acknowledge the July 2001 issue fee payment even though the issue fee payment is acknowledged/documentated in both the application file and the PTO Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) database. In concert with the Petition for Withdrawal of Holding of Abandonment,

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Applicants also submit a Petition for Refund of Fee under 37 CFR §1.26 as no fees are due under 37 CFR §1.181(a).

In the event that the Petitions under 37 CFR §§1.26, 1.181(a) are denied, Applicants further petition for a Suspension of Rules under 37 CFR §1.183. In particular, Applicants petition to have all fees required to revive the application, as well as the fee for consideration of this petition under 37 CFR §1.183, be waived. This Petition is appropriate under 37 CFR §1.183 as the instant circumstances are extraordinary in nature and necessary to prevent severe injustice. In view that the USPTO has failed to appropriately and timely issue the above-identified application as a patent despite the fact that Applicants have correctly responded to every paper appropriately issued by the USPTO, and further in view that Applicants timely paid the issue fee almost one year ago, any fees now required by PTO rules would amount to a severe injustice.

In support the above Petitions, Applicants provide evidence that the issue fee was timely paid and that the USPTO mistakenly sent the February 6, 2002 Notice of Issue Fee Due. Specifically, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the first Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed July 6, 2001, a copy of an Issue Fee Transmittal dated July 18, 2001, a copy of check #156024 issued by Christie, Parker and Hale to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for \$1,270.00, a copy of an acknowledgement receipt dated July 23, 2001 by the USPTO for the aforementioned Issue Fee Transmittal and check, a copy of the second Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed February 6, 2002 and a copy of the file contents history for the above-identified application taken from the USPTO PAIR database.

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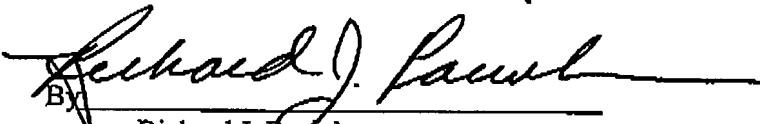
The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 03-1728 the amount of \$1,280.00, which is the fee for revival of an unintentionally abandoned application, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m).

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby further authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 03-1728 the amount of \$130.00, which is the fee for a Petition to Suspend the Rules, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h).

To the extent necessary, a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 03-1728 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted

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## NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE

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CASE # 34176 ACTION Issue Fee  
REMINDER \_\_\_\_\_ DUE DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
DEADLINE 10/6/01

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	TOTAL CLAIMS	EXAMINER AND GROUP ART UNIT	DATE MAILED
09/252,501	02/18/99	116	LEE, C. G. 363	2663 / 07/06/01
First Named Applicant	SAMUEL T		35 USC 154(b) term ext. = 0 Days.	

TITLE OF INVENTION LTHERNFT SYSTEM

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEES DUE	DATE DUE
34176/JWE/B6	370-402.000	Z97	UTILITY	NO	\$1240.00	10/09/01

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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	09/252,551	SAMUEL ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Andrew Lee	2663

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 2/12/01. CASE # 34176 ACTION 10 Informal drawings  
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2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-103; 133-135, 141-144, 147-151, 153 renumbered 104-116 respectively.

3.  The drawings filed on 2/12/01 are acceptable as formal drawings.

4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). DEADLINE

a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

5.  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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6.  Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

7.  Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

(b)  including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

(c)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8.  Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

#### Attachment(s)

1  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
 3  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
 5  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 7  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

2  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
 4  Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 6  Examiner's Amendment/Comment  
 8  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  
 9  Other

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July 18, 2001

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	TOTAL CLAIMS	EXAMINER AND GROUP/ART UNIT	DATE MAILED
09/265,551	02/18/99	116	LEE, C	24463 07/06/01
First Named Applicant	SAMIHELI,	55 USC 154 (b) term ext. = .0 Days.		

TITLE OF INVENTION: ETHERNET SYSTEM

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS/SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEES DUE	DATE DUE
2 34176/JWE/86	370-402.000	297	UTILITY	NO	\$1240.00	18/09/01

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(A) NAME OF ASSIGNEE

Broadcom Corporation

(B) RESIDENCE (CITY &amp; STATE OR COUNTRY)

Irvine, California

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EXAMINER

LEE, CHRISTOPHER A.

34176

CASE #	ATTORNEY OR AGENT	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
		REMINDER	DUE DATE
		503	351-402640

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DATE MAILED: 02/06/2002

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/252,551	02/18/1999	HENRY SAMUEL	34176/WB/R6	4641

TITLE OF INVENTION: ETHERNET SYSTEM

TOTAL CLAIMS	APPN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE*	DATE DUE
116	cooperative	NO	\$50	\$0	\$50	02/06/2002

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Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/732,551	02/18/1999	HENRY SAMURU	514794/006	3641

TITLE OF INVENTION: ETHERNET SYSTEM

TOTAL CLAIMS	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
116	nonprovisional	NO	\$40	\$0	\$40	05/06/2002

EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS/SUBCLASS
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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## Determination of Patent Term Extension or Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

A reissue patent is for "the unexpired part of the term of the original patent." See 35 U.S.C. 251. Accordingly, the above-identified reissue application is not eligible for patent term extension or adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b).

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 7/20/2001.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are \_\_\_\_.
3.  The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All b)  Some c)  None of the:
    1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
    3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(e)).
5.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (i.e. a provisional application).
  - (a)  The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120, and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

7.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No. \_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_ which has been approved by the Examiner.
  - (c)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawing(s) should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.
9.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

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**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard Paciulan on 2/01/2002.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

Line 1, page 1 of specification:

- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED REISSUE APPLICATION

This application (Appl. No. 09/252,551 filed February 18, 1999) and copending continuation Appl. No. 09/620,919, filed July 21, 2000, are each reissue applications of original U.S. Patent Number 5,604,741 (Appl. No. 08/398,759, filed March 16, 1995). - has been inserted.

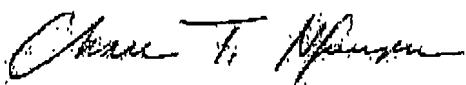
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Lee whose telephone number is 703-305-1500. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30AM to 6:00PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau Nguyen can be reached on 703-308-5340. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

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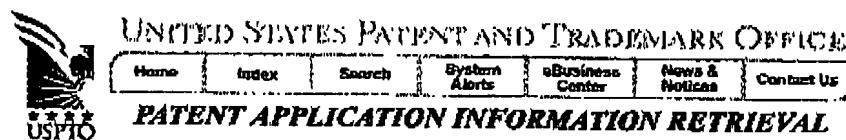
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Andy Lee  
February 4, 2002



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